

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department – Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S.(CCA) Rules 1991 on the allegations of irregularities/misappropriation of Government Funds took place in execution of work "ZP road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem" and office transactions in PR division, Paderu – Article of charges –Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1172

DATED:16.07.2013.

1. From the GA (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.129 (390/V&E/E1/2008), dt.07.08.2008.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 20612/Vig.II/A2/2008-1, Dt.01.07.2009
3. From the ENC, PR, Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.I (1)/6048/2009, Dt:10.01.2013.
4. Govt. Memo. No. 20612/Vig.II/A2/2008-5, dt.06.05.13
5. From the ENC, PR, Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.I(1)/6048/2011, dt.06.06.2013.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II & III).

3. Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation is directed to submit a written statement of his defence before the disciplinary authority within Ten (10) days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule. 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To

- 1) Sri K. Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyapuram, EG District now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad.
- 2) The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad (with a request to serve and return the acknowledged copy and W.S.D).

Copy to:

- 3) The Secretary (Tribal Welfare) Dept., for information.
- 4) The General Administration (V&E) Department
- 5) The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.
- 6) SF/SC

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

Statement showing the Article of Charges against Sri Venugopal, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Athreyaparam, EG District, now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation.

CHARGE:

that Sri Venugopal, the then MEO, Athreyapuram, EG district, now working in Tribal Welfare Department on deputation, has committed certain irregularities/misappropriation of Government Funds took place in execution of works and office transactions in PR division, Paderu, as he has 1) used sub-standard material in GSB layer, and executed with deficient thickness which is liable for rejection (value Rs.8.12 lakhs).

2) Utilised gravel as blindage in WBM Grade-II layer instead of screening without prior approval from the competent authority.

BASIS:

The V&E officials have conducted enquiry which consists of two parts i.e. (a) execution of road work ZP Road to Paradanipattu to Aradigudem KM 5/8 to KM 20/0 and (b) irregularities in division office transactions and reported that:

1. the recorded measurements of earth work were found to be on higher side than the observed measurements in KM 11 & KM 14, it is established that the earth work quantities were boosted up. The pre-levels/final levels were not check measured by the Executive Engineer and Superintendent Engineer, inspite of specific instructions of the Chief Engineer, (PR) while approving the 3rd recast estimate.

2. The item of camber correction was not virtually executed. The measurements for camber correction and GSB were recorded on 07.12.07 (vide P 91 of MB 120/A/PR) and 15.02.08 (vide P 3/142/A/PR) respectively i.e. with a gap of 2 months, but no such separate layers were observed anywhere in the entire stretch.

3. In case of GSB, the executed work did not satisfy the specification as the CBR value is only 8.5% (less than 15%), plasticity index around 25% (>6%) and the densities range from 69% to 88% (KM 11 to KM 12) as against required 98%. Not only this, the thickness in KM 16/0 to KM 19/0 was observed to be deficient by more than 20%. Hence, this stretch shall be rejected. (Value Rs.6.09 lakhs). Similarly the stretch from KM 11/0 to KM 12/0 where densities are less also shall be rejected (Rs.2.03 lakhs). The recovery towards deficiency in KM 19/0 to 20/0 works out Rs.1,14,447/- (recovery calculations annexed as Annexure-AXI)

4. An amount of Rs.2,03,550/- shall be recovered for short thickness and Rs.1,19,602/- for deficit weight in WBM Gr II HBG layer. The field officers have utilized gravel as blindage instead of type 'B' HBG screenings without any approval from the higher authorities. Hence the cost difference between screenings & gravel shall be recovered. (Recovery calculations annexed as Annexure-AXII). The work is entrusted to a section officer whose head quarters is at Athreyapuram, East Godavari District and it is impossible for the section officer to execute work worth Rs.278.50 lakhs departmentally at Paderu located in remote agency area. This has resulted in substandard quality of work.

Therefore, Sri Venugopal, Mandal Engineering Officer has failed to discharge his legitimate duties properly and executed substandard work. Thus his action is in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE II

List of documents for which the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained

Vigilance Report No. 129 (390/V&E/E1/08), Dt.07.08.2008.

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ANNEXURE III

List of witnesses by whom the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained.

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